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**AMENDMENT "B" & INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

APPLICANT: Andersen et al  
SERIAL NO.: 09/868,969 GROUP ART UNIT: 3617  
FILED: March 27, 2002 EXAMINER: A. Wright  
INVENTION: "SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE CONFIRMATION NO.: 1295  
DEADWEIGHT CARGO VESSEL"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title on line 1 of page 1 of the Substitute Specification to read:

--"SEMI-SUBMERSIBLE HEAVY-LIFT CARGO VESSEL"--

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 3 of the Substitute Specification, line 2, after "forebody." Insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--

On page 5 of the Substitute Specification, line 24, after the heading, please insert the following new paragraphs:

--The principles of the present invention are particularly useful when incorporated in a semi-submersible deadweight or heavy lift cargo vessel, which is generally indicated at 10 in Figs. 1 and 2. The vessel 10 has a flat or planar cargo deck 11, which extends from the stern toward the bow, which has a superstructure 12 with a wheelhouse 13 and a bridge with two bridge side wings.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	*12	MINUS	**20	X	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 1	MINUS	3	X	( ) X 42.00 ( ) X 84.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$140.00 ( ) \$280.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00

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A check for \$180.00 accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

A check for \$\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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